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Item 1

Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work

Agenda

1. The provisional agenda of the seventy-third executive session of the Trade and Development Board was approved on 21 October 2022 at the seventy-second session of the Board. The provisional agenda for the session is reproduced in chapter I above.

Item 2

Interdependence and development strategies in a globalized world

2. Deliberations by the Trade and Development Board under the agenda item will provide an opportunity to consider the *Trade and Development Report 2022: Development Prospects in a Fractured World – Global Disorder and Regional Responses*.

3. In the *Trade and Development Report 2022*, key challenges are analysed for the global economy that stem from multiple crises and geopolitical tensions. The report is focused on major areas of regional integration and evaluate their impact to date. Structural problems are found in the macroeconomic environment that imperil the progress of developing countries towards inclusive and sustainable development. Due to these constraints, recent regionalization initiatives have, by and large, yet to deliver development progress to participating countries from the global South. Analysing regional integration in trade, development finance and financial behaviour of the global corporate sector, it is shown in the *Trade and Development Report 2022* why regionalism initiatives, although instrumental to easing some real constraints, can be no substitute for an appropriate multilateral system.

Documentation

UNCTAD/TDR/2022 and Overview *Trade and Development Report 2022: Development Prospects in a Fractured World – Global Disorder and Regional Responses*

Item 3

The Least Developed Countries Report 2022: The Low-Carbon Transition and Its Daunting Implications for Structural Transformation

4. Although the least developed countries have barely contributed to climate change, they are on the front lines of the climate crisis. Over the last 50 years, 69 per cent of worldwide deaths caused by climate-related disasters occurred in the least developed countries. Building resilience through green structural transformation and making growth sustainable, by generating decent jobs, domestic savings, diversification of the economy and exports and through a shift away from dependence on primary commodities, is moving to the forefront of the national development agenda in the least developed countries. The least developed countries represent the litmus test against which history will judge how effectively the efforts of the international community to make the low-carbon transition take into account the “development dimension” and reflect the principles of equity and differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities.

5. *The Least Developed Countries Report 2022: The Low-Carbon Transition and Its Daunting Implications for Structural Transformation* explores development challenges specific to the least developed countries in relation to low-carbon development and structural transformation. The report contributes to unpacking the multifaceted linkages between climate change adaptation and sustainable development, highlighting potential

mutually beneficial opportunities as well as potential trade-offs for which international support to the least developed countries is indispensable.

Documentation

UNCTAD/LDC/2022
and Overview

*The Least Developed Countries Report 2022: The
Low-Carbon Transition and Its Daunting
Implications for Structural Transformation*

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Matters pertaining to subsidiary bodies of the Trade and Development Board:

(a) Report of the Working Party on the Programme Plan and Programme Performance

6. The report of the Working Party on the Programme Plan and Programme Performance on its eighty-fifth session will be before the Board for its consideration.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/321

Report of the Working Party on the Programme Plan and
Programme Performance on its eighty-fifth session

(b) Report of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission on its thirteenth session

7. The report of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission on its thirteenth session will be before the Board for its consideration.

Documentation

TD/B/C.II/49

Report of the Investment, Enterprise and Development
Commission on its thirteenth session

(c) Report of the Trade and Development Commission on its thirteenth session

8. The report of the Trade and Development Commission on its thirteenth session will be before the Board for its consideration.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/55

Report of the Trade and Development Commission on its
thirteenth session

(d) Topics of the multi-year and single-year expert meetings

9. The Trade and Development Board will be invited to consider and approve the topics of upcoming multi-year and single-year expert meetings.

Item 5

Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre

10. The Trade and Development Board will consider the report of the fifty-sixth session of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre.

Item 6
Provisional agenda of the seventieth session of the Trade and Development Board

11. The Trade and Development Board will be invited to consider and approve a draft of the provisional agenda of its seventieth session.

In-session documentation

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Other business

Item 8
Adoption of the report
